

REMARKS

Claims 1 – 4, 6 – 11 and 13 – 20 remain in the application.

102 Rejections

Claims 1-4, 6-11 and 13-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by EP 0 862 104 A2 (Moriya et al. – Moriya). Applicant respectfully submits that the present invention as newly amended in Claims 1, 8, and 15 is neither shown nor suggested by the Moriya reference.

Applicant respectfully contends that the Moriya reference fails to teach or suggest automated registration and activation on a communication network when booted up. For instance, amended Claim 1 recites in part (emphasis added):

... a processor for processing information and instructions including network configuration information utilized by said processor to automatically configure a device for communicating on a communication network with automated registration and activation on said communication network when booted up....

The present Office Action acknowledges the Moriya reference does not teach activation upon bootup.

Applicant respectfully asserts Claims 1-4, 6, 7, 9-11, 13, 14, and 15 –20 are allowable as depending upon respective allowable independent Claims 1, 8 and 15.

103 REJECTIONS

The present Office Action indicates Claims 5 and 12 and are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103 (a) as being unpatentable over Moriya in view of Fingerhut (US 6,636,489). Applicant has cancelled Claims 5 and 12 and included the limitations in Claims 1 and 8. Applicant respectfully asserts that the present invention is neither shown nor suggested by the reference.

Applicant respectfully submits that the present invention as newly amended in Claims 1 and 8, is neither shown nor suggested by the Moriya reference. The present Office Action acknowledges the Moriya reference does not teach activation upon bootup. Applicant respectfully asserts the Fingerhut reference does not overcome these and other shortcomings of the Moriya reference.

To the extent Fingerhut reference may mention the device automatically determines that the UNA is not present and initiates the OAA process [Col. 3 lines 435 to 40], Applicant respectfully asserts the Fingerhut reference does not teach network configuration information utilized by a processor to automatically configure a device for communicating on a communication network with automated registration and activation on the communication network when booted up. Furthermore, Applicant respectfully asserts that the Fingerhut reference teaches away from the present invention by indicating once contact with the network is established the device prompts the user for the information required to activate the device.

CONCLUSION

In light of the above-listed amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully request allowance of the remaining Claims. The examiner is urged to contact Applicant's undersigned representative if the Examiner believes such action would expedite resolution of the present Application.

Respectfully submitted,

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